(b) whether similar permission for boiler and turbines was also accorded and if so, what is the reaction of Government to such permission which adversely affected the BHEL ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY SHRI J. VENGAL RAO) : (a) and (b) M/s. Reliance Industries Ltd. were allowed import of high speed steam drive system comprising of high pressure steam generation equipment with steam driven turbo alternator to supply auxiliary power to critical process equipment along with steam drive within the overall value of the capital goods licence without any additional cost after checking indigenous availability with the indigenous manufacturers.

Dadri-Malerkotla line

2577. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL : Will the Minister of ENERGY by pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) at its meeting held on the 28th February, 1986 approved the construction of 400 kv Dadri-Malerkotla (Punjab) line to enable Punjab to draw its share of power from Central Singarauli Super Thermal Power Station.

(b) whether the construction of this line was also approved by CEA during its meeting with representatives of partner States of BMB, NREB and NTPC;

(c) if so, what factors are delaying the commissioning of the construction work;

(d) whether the NTPC are now seeking consensus to other States to share the cost of transmission system before consideration of the scheme for an investment decision;

(e) if so, was such a procedure adopted earlier when extensive 400 kv transmission system was planned by CEA for evacuation and distribution of power from Rihand Super Thermal Power Station; and

(f) by when the Dadri-Malerkotla line is likely to be constructed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI) : (a) to (e) The request of the Punjab State Electricity Board for 400 KV Dadri-Malerkotla (Punjab) transmission line was considered in an Inter-Departmental meeting held in the CEA on 28-2-86, in which representatives of the Partner States of the Bhakra Beas Management Board and NTPC and the Northern Regional Electricity Board, participated. The proposal is now under process in the CEA for techno-economic clearance. The implementation of the line will be taken up after all the necessary clearances.

The originally approved Rihand Transmission Project did not include the above line. The NTPC has, therefore, taken up the matter with the beneficiary States in the Northern Region for their concurrence/acceptance of the proposal so that the transmission tariff could be settled and commercial agreements could be finalised. The NTPC are entering into such agreements for the distribution of power from all their projects.

(f) Subject to the techno-economic approval and other clearances, the Dadri-Malerkotla transmission line is likely to be completed by the end of Seventh Plan.

Profit and loss of the Coal India Ltd.

2578. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state the figures regarding the profit and loss of the Coal India Limited during the last three years, year-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE) : Losses suffered by